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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: NAKAMURA, Takashi et al.

Group Art Unit: 3682

Serial No.: 09/880,081

Examiner: Lenard A. Footland

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For. BEARING STRUCTURE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 26, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003 for three months from May 26, 2003 to August 26, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$1,680.00 (\$930.00 to cover the cost of the extension and \$750.00 to cover the cost for Request for Continued Prosecution) for a large entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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